TAMESIDE EYE

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IT'S TAMESIDE EYE'S 4th BIRTHDAY!

Humiliation

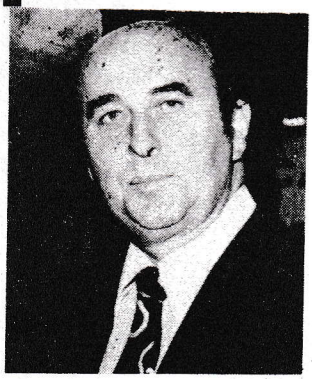
Running a home for mentally handicapped adults is a tricky job requiring skill and sensitivity. But in TAMESIDE's homes, the staff are finding their job made impossible by senseless bureaucratic rules.

Each person living in the home is given a yearly clothing allowance, but because of these rules no *cash* is ever handed out. Instead, vouchers and order forms have to be used on 'bulk' buys.

The result is humiliating to all concerned. By way of an example: a member of staff would have to troop *all* the male residents down to *one* shop to be fitted with suits. The same problem happens with food, which can only be ordered (by staff) through central stores, three weeks in advance. This defeats the whole object of a modern home where the residents are meant to learn useful things, such as how to handle money and how to buy from a shop. How would the bureaucrats feel if someone told *them* how and when they could buy their clothes? and food ?

Tight-lipped

We were distressed to read the shameful and scurrilous attacks on TAMESIDE's best loved elder statesman, The Rt.Hon. TOM PENDRY M.P., Ex-University boxing blue and trainee sit-com writer; and in the N.C.H. of all places. How could an editor with such a fine reputation for steadfastly avoiding controversy of any kind allow such vile and opprobrious calumnies to soil his columns?
Anyone who knows TOM and his lovely wife MOIRA would have scoffed at the suggestions of romance between him and the ageing actress AIMI MACDONALD.



Tom Pendry M.P.

His reason for meeting her is plain; he obviously has her in mind for the part of Mrs. Thatcher in his forthcoming block - buster T.V. comedy series to be entitled "BILLS PRIVATE MEMBER"

£13,000+car

There's a new face in the REPORTER GROUP of offices. It belongs to MIKE PAGET. But his arrival has put the local noses out of joint.

MIKE PAGET is the REPORTERs latest Advertising Manager, bringing the total to three. He has been drafted in by the REPORTER's owners - UNITED NEWSPAPERS. Yet, when UNITED took them over in early 1980 the REPORTER carried a brave little item telling us that there would be no changes in management.
But, what's really upset the team is that PAGET's on a £13,000 salary, plus a company motor. Most of the journalists see less than half that, let alone the car, so to date PAGETs pep talks are falling on stoney ground.

UNITED NEWSPAPERS have interests in T.V., Radio and Christmas cards, as well as newspapers. Last year they kindly put £1500 into the Conservative Party coffers.

Bardsley bungles

Benevolent ROLAND BARDSLEY does it again. TAMESIDE's cuddliest builder has just *kindly* agreed to put right defective gas flues in STALYBRIDGE homes built by his firm 12 years ago. *One man found the pipes for his flue lying around in the loft.*
ROLAND was quick to point out he had "no legal responsibility" for the faults. But he forgot to mention that as gas fire fumes can kill he could have faced enormous compensation payouts if the worst had ever happened. ROLAND has plainly decided to cut his losses. Apart from anything he needs to be in TAMESIDE COUNCIL's good books at the moment: they're refusing him planning permission to improve access to his nite-spot CARRIAGES out in the DROYLSDEN wastes, and they are hesitating over letting him start turning a Squash Court into a 34 Bed Hotel, in time for the new motorway.

Progress

Recently the Council's Housing Computer sent someone a bill for a years rent arrears. At the same time it informed the astonished householder that eviction proceedings had commenced.
The catch is that the person in question bought the house off the council a year ago! And - insult to injury- with a Borough mortgage. As 1984 approaches, we have to report that the machines are winning.

Shirking shrinks

Naughty PSYCHIATRISTS at TAMESIDE GENERAL HOSPITAL have been neglecting their duties. They've not been supervising the REGISTRARS they're in charge of. EYE can report a high-level pair of outside inspectors are being brought in to ask our local shrinks what they have been up to.

Engineered

Local CHARTERED ENGINEERS are furious with TAMESIDE COUNCIL. For the post of PRINCIPAL ENGINEER has been filled by someone without the qualifications for the job.
Last June, HUBERT BAXTER took early retirement from the BOROUGH ENGINEERS Department. In line with current COUNCIL policy, it was not expected that the post (Principal Engineer) would be filled. It was not advertised.
But then BALDWIN, CHIEF ENGINEER, gave PHIL TORKINGTON the job. Although PHIL is training for a qualification it will not make him a Chartered Engineer.
Now 20 Chartered Engineers are in official dispute with the COUNCIL, through their Union NALGO. And it is the second attempt this year to put unqualified people into senior positions at ENGINEERS.
It seems that the ever-scheming BRIAN METCALFE (CHIEF PERSONNEL OFFICER) has had a hand in the move - he wants a more "management-biased" man at the top. The engineers say it is no reason to forget about qualifications.

Cursed

Director BRIAN WHYTE, who lives in SIMMONDLEY, is finding that HYDE's WERNETH LOW COUNTRY PARK RESTAURANT - with WINDY HARBOUR golf course attached - is not the little money-spinner he had hoped for when it was first opened 18 months ago. Business lunches have left the menu; a last resort Disco + Nosh package now bumps and grinds throughout Friday nights; the golf course looks more like a golf meadow; and only the odd wedding keeps the whole thing afloat.
The trouble all started when nobody told BRIAN and fellow Directors, FAUSTO the Chef, IAN THOMASSON, COLIN and BARRY WAGSTAFF, about the "curse of HARRY DEAN". For wily old HARRY - HYDE property magnate and latterly Olympic swimmer - is the only person who ever made any money out of the place.
He sold it to TAMESIDE COUNCIL for £65,000.

Playschool Pat

HOLLINGWORTH's "Hyperstar", PAT PHOENIX, should stick to what she knows. The drivel that appeared in THE REPORTER about her ladyship's ecstatic welcome from all and sundry at the end-of-playschemes "do" in TAMESIDE THEATRE was somewhat wide of the mark. For a start she turned up late, all furs and smiles, with a rather "tired and emotional" TONY BOOTH in tow. She then dived into the bar, which was only open to such hoi-polloi as CLEM BOULTBEE-SCOTT (play organiser) and CHIEF RECREATION OFFICER TED NEIGHBOUR. Lesser mortals were excluded - and parched.
Finally, she got up on stage and cooed constantly about "play school". The thirsty playleaders were incensed. They'd just spent their summer slogging on the Borough's 17 playschemes for a mere £27.50 cash in hand per week. Wonder what "expenses" Pat claimed?

BUBBLES!

LAST MONTH'S WINNER.

NICK DENNERLY of 7 ASHBOURNE ROAD, DENTON wins a year's supply of TAMESIDE EYE for this entry. BUBBLES gets a rest this month, as we couldn't find a decent photograph!

In the blue corner

TAMESIDE COLLEGE's favourite BUSINESS STUDIES LECTURER, JOHN KERSHAW, found another political nook from which to crawl last May. He became a Councillor - Tory - for Burnage ward in MANCHESTER. No sooner was he in office than the Tories made JOHN their representative on the Management Committee of Longsight Law Centre. Given JOHN would 'hang 'em and flog 'em' at the drop of a hat, a clash with the Centre's left-wing lawyers is virtually inevitable. Ominously, our JOHN sat quietly through his first Law Centre Committee taking copious notes.
Watch this space.

Legal steps

There isn't a single TAMESIDE solicitors properly accessible to wheelchair users.
GREATER MANCHESTER LEGAL SERVICES have just published an ACCESS GUIDE to solicitors, for disabled people. It makes depressing reading. All they ask is that a solicitor have a single or no step into the building; be on the ground floor (or any floor, if there's a lift); have wheelchair access to the solicitors' offices and a toilet; and there must be a carpark within 50 yards of the office. Evidently INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PEOPLE made no impact on local legal eagles.

Ear ear

Doctors at TAMESIDE GENERAL are actually refusing to let extra staff be appointed, despite the REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (RHA) having made the extra cash available months ago. Tamesiders have got the *worst* EAR NOSE & THROAT (EN&T) treatment facilities in GREATER MANCHESTER. The RHA wants two more consultants drafted in, but the Hospital Doctors claim they'll lose beds if they make way for a larger EN & T Unit. And so the wrangle goes on . . .

MUD

Residents of *Mottram Old Rd., Stalybridge* will be relieved to learn that lorries passing to and from *Hussey Quarry* will have to pass through a wheel-wash to ensure that no nasty mud gets on to their high-class highway. Not so lucky are the folk of *Manchester Rd. Mossley*. Lorries working on the *Roaches Estate* have covered the road surface in so much mud that it now resembles a motor-cycle scramble course.

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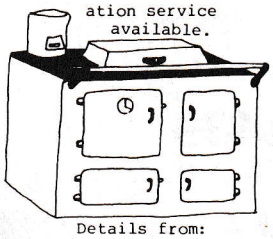

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Altham Workers Co-op,
58, Clarence Street,
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Dropping one

JACK CLARKE, the enterprising Manager of TAMESIDE THEATRE (who was responsible for bringing that deathless work "*Come into my bed*" to the cultural waste lands of this noble Borough) is heading for controversy once more.
He's booked a "Musical Satire about Nuclear War" called "DROPPING ONE" for a one-night stand on October 1st It's by the GORTON WORKSHOP (a local youth theatre group) and it is bound to get right up the noses of pro annihilation Tory Councillors like COLIN 'I love Neutron Bombs' GRANTHAM and DONALD 'Fallout is Fun' THORPE.
We saw the show down at WEST END COMMUNITY CENTRE in July and can recommend it. It's funny, sad, and tragic by turns and could even change the views of the COLINs and DONALDs of this world - if they bother to see it.

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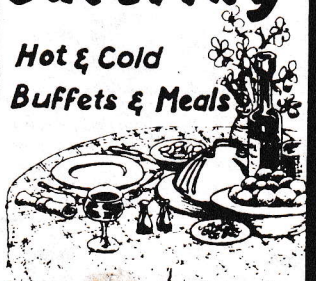

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LADY C's UNHEALTHY PRESSURE

LADY CHRISTINE KENYON, leading J.P. and an example to us all, has been caught influencing an election on the DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITY. She revealed a split in the TORY ranks at the same time...

Earlier this year, the government appointed LADY CHRISTINE KENYON Chairman of the re-organised TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITY (DHA). Previously she chaired the old AREA Health Authority, as well as being chair of the local Juvenile Bench of Magistrates. Husband SIR GEORGE has many business interests, covered in previous issues, and together they are part of the HYDE Tory elite.

Soon after her DHA appointment LADY C. began ringing round the more "reliable" members of her new committee, many of whom don't even live in TAMESIDE and most of whom are fellow Tories. She was pressing them to support her nominee for DEPUTY CHAIRMAN of the DHA: JOHN D. ILETT.

JOHN ILETT is a failed Tory Council candidate, who stood in NEWTON in May '78. He lives at FLOWERY FIELDS HOUSE in NEWTON and works for T.P.T.LTD. in ROMILEY. One time Treasurer of HYDE and STALYBRIDGE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION, JOHN is not famed for mental agility.

Accordingly the new DHA met in May. But, unfortunately for LADY C., her tactics had horrified one of the members she'd approached. One way or another, the matter was leaked to the minority Labour members on the committee. JIMMY EASON got up and challenged a blushing LADY C. to refute "disturbing rumours" he'd heard concerning the appointment of DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. Quick-witted LADY C. gave a Chairman's ruling that the item be taken an at the end of the meeting *when the Press would be excluded*. Labour protest at this move went unheeded.

In the private session, EYE can reveal that LADY C. admitted she had "spoken" to members but claimed " I must have a Deputy I can work with". Subsequently, JOHN ILETT was voted in as DEPUTY CHAIRMAN.

But this wasn't the end of the saga.

At the June meeting, as the minutes of the May meeting reached the appointment of JOHN ILETT, ALAN D'ARCY FEARN, leading HYDE Tory, leapt into action. HYDE's wet 'demon' dentist, greyhound lover and ex-TAMESIDE Councillor, proceeded to mount a ferocious attack on LADY C. over the way the election had been handled. And it transpired that there is no love lost between ALAN FEARN and JOHN ILETT. EYE believes that the matter didn't rest then; it is now an issue within TAMESIDE Tory circles.

This is LADY C.'s last ter in the DHA Chair. She will be too old to be eligible for another one. When she goes, JOHN ILETT is well in line for a reasonably-paid (about £7,500 per year) sinecure - *if there's still a Tory Minister in London.*

£££? DON'T BE CONNED!

A steady stream of small ads appears every night in the MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS cashing in on high unemployment and people's desperation....

An AUDENSHAW woman, who prefers not to be named, rang us about the sad tale of her nephew's earnest attempt to find work. He came here from NORFOLK to try his luck up North. Reading the NEWS, he spotted this ad:

" 17 - 26 ? NEED Big Money? Don't Delay! Tel 445 8670"

He rang the number and a secretary told him to come down to "C.G.C." on 84 Palatine Rd., Withington, in MANCHESTER. There the nephew was told that he'd be able to earn "about £100 a week" but that he'd have to be "self-employed."
The next day he set off in a Manager's car to HUDDERSFIELD, where he spent 12 hours door-to-door canvassing for double-glazing and cavity wall insulation for C.G.C.
By now regular EYE readers will have recalled THOROGLAZE, who had a similar canvassing operation ripping off jobless teenagers, which we covered last December in EYE 28. The same con is being operated by C.G.C.

The 17 year old received no payment for his labour, not even expenses. The manager never told him whether there were any firm orders from the "leads" the young team of canvassers had established for him. In fact, the manager was meant to pay his canvassers out of the cash he got in.
EYE rang "C.G.C." They refused point blank to discuss their firms full title. They could not say a time when someone would be in who would tell us what they were up to.

Their unscrupulous money-grabbing has left another group of young unemployed feeling angry and help - less. "C.G.C." was an experience they could have done without.
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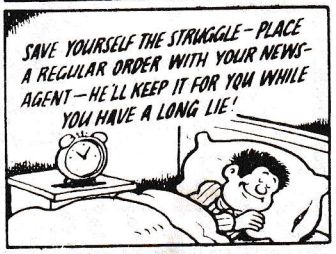

Barter makes a comeback

There's a man in Millbrook Stalybridge who will take your motor car as part-payment for his Victorian Mill owners mansion - for sale at £70,000.
But before you start polishing the old family saloon, we should mention that Cortinas, Escorts and the like will not be accepted. This gentleman is *only* interested in a Rolls Royce.

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What a MESS!

The COUNCIL pour grant-aid into HOME IMPROVEMENTS work especially in areas like the WEST END of ASHTON, where there are rows of older terraced houses. But after the builder has gone, some houses are in a worse condition than before they were "improved".

Four years ago, a WEST END couple, MR. and MRS. A., decided to modernise their home. They called in DEREK GEE to do the job, through his firm TAMESIDE BUILDING SERVICES. If the firm seems familiar, it's because at that time the COUNCIL's DIRECT WORKS Department had the same name.

MRS.A. was off work due to ill-health, so she spent her days watching GEE's men like a hawk."But we had to fight to get what we wanted" she recalls.

Once she went out and came back to discover the gas-fired boiler mounted on the back bedroom wall. MR. and MRS. A. insisted that it be moved to the bathroom, as intended. GEE, who often appears to know better than his clients what they want, argued. He threatened to charge extra for moving it. But the couple were firm and got their way, for nothing.

When GEE had had the job passed by the COUNCIL inspector, they paid him in full. *When GEE had gone,MR. A. decided to finish off the job himself.* They felt GEE's charges were fairly reasonable, but did not want to have him back. So MR. A. re-surfaced the *sloping* kitchen floor, and fixed the kitchen units (they'd been left propped up on 3" X 2" wood blocks), and did various other smaller jobs. Because they had been strong enough with GEE, MR. and MRS. A. were lucky.

Less lucky were the PLATTS and the EVANS nearby. Both families had their jobs done by TAMESIDE BUILDING SERVICES two years ago. The similarities between the two cases are very striking: both the PLATTS and the EVANS moved out whilst the work was done; both claim their homes were *broken into* by GEE's men *before* they had handed him their keys; both confirm that all the copper and lead piping was ripped out and taken away. When quizzed, GEE waved the heavy gold chain on his tanned wrist, and said it was just a "perk" for the lads. Both felt troubled by what they saw going on, but were not inclined to intervene as they lacked experience in dealing with home improvements. Besides GEE's brand of breezy confidence is difficult for many people to handle.

Trouble

But the trouble really began when the two families moved back into their homes. Despite being passed by the COUNCIL's BUILDING INSPECTOR, MR. PARKEY, both jobs had serious defects.

The PLATTS kitchen floor is uneven and the concrete too thin; a leaking radiator ruined their carpet in the living room and left them without heat over Xmas; a plug socket was "live" (at first GEE denied this, but changed his mind when he got a shock from it himself); a drain "backs up". The EVANS also have an uneven floor too; they have damp in *every* room; it now rains in upstairs; the roof purlin was left by GEE's craftsmen in a dangerous state - it was unsupported; the staircase hand-rail is so close to the wall that it's impossible to grip; doors don't fit and pipes have been left exposed.

GEE, who lives at 20 MOORFIELD AVENUE, in HAUGHTON GREEN, DENTON, came round to settle the bill. Hoping this would prompt him to put matters right, the EVANS held £500 back. But KEVIN PLATT was so unhappy he kept £2500 back.

Two years later the argument is being decided in the Courts. The legal fees are mounting up.

Hazard

The catalogue of incidents does not end here.

Both families have had an inspection by NORWEB officials. *They discovered that the electricity supply in both houses had not been earthed!* In fact GEE, who had sub-contracted to a BARNSLEY-based electrician, hadn't even informed NORWEB he was doing the work, as he is required to do. GEE was made to put it right.

On 9th February 1981, NORTH WEST GAS inspected MARY EVANS' gas flue. *It was unsealed and declared a hazard.* They contacted MR. PARKEY, the Inspector who had passed it. He arranged for GEE to come round to put the flue right. GEE's men came, but they were a day early and nobody was at home...*so they broke in through the roof to get at the flue.*

By now, feeling over the poor quality "improvements" was running high. A meeting of residents called to discuss the problem was well-attended. They decided to call in independent surveyors: the DESIGN COOPERATIVE of 103 PORTLAND STREET in MANCHESTER.

Their report on the EVANS home makes grim reading. Only one major item has now been put right - and even then it was by another builder called in by the EVANS as a last resort (the roof purlin support was mended). DESIGN COOPERATIVE refer to the "Serious structural instability caused to roof" and to "new slates" that have not been "properly jointed". Further on they refer to "floor boards are resting on the pipes and not on the floor joists". And so it goes on. This and another survey will soon be at the centre of a Court battle, in which the EVANS and the PLATTS hope to show that GEE is responsible for the terrible mess they are now living in. GEE denies this completely.

Council

But one key element in this sorry affair has so far been left out - the COUNCIL and its officials. Everyone agrees that it can *only* be sorted out between the builder and the houseowners, but everyone disagrees on the role of the COUNCIL in home improvements.

* Local Councillor, FRANK RUFFLEY, warned that it is essential for the owner of the house to "keep an eye on the job".
* Whilst JOHN THORNTON from the DESIGN COOPERATIVE criticised TAMESIDE COUNCIL for not providing "professional supervision"
* Yet PAUL STONIER, a COUNCIL official involved, said there had been numerous OMBUDSMAN's decisions preventing them from intervening in the contract between the builder and the houseowner. In fact, when TAMESIDE tried to warn people off a poor quality buidler, the OMBUDSMAN forced them to put the builder's Letterhead back up on the Area Improvement Office notice board.
* To which JOHN THORNTON pointed out: "In this country, rehabilitation is 30% of architects work - there is provision for the COUNCIL to pay professional fees where the work is so extensive".
* KEVIN PLATT feels they should have had better advice from the COUNCIL on how to handle the builder, who he feels had far too cosy relationship with local officials. "How", he asks," can MR. PARKEY say that it passes Building Regulations, and still be in such a state?"

Feeling glum? ...miserable?...bored?

Don't keep it all to yourself... spread it around!

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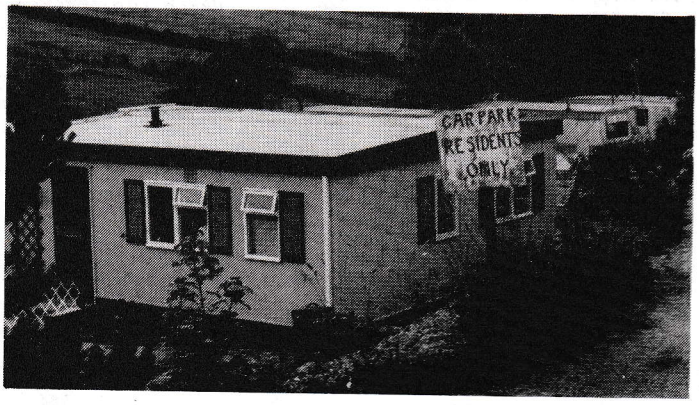
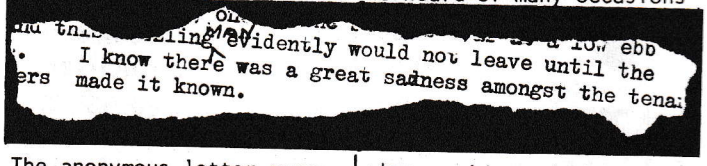


Last month EYE received an anonymous letter. We get plenty, but this one sounded intriguing . We decided to follow it up. The letter made serious allegations about the running of "SOVEREIGN HALL" caravan site in MOSSLEY. It was apparently written by someone with a relative who had once lived on the site. Strangely it was headed BUXTON, but the postmark was ASHTON.

"SOVEREIGN HALL" caravan site was established in 1962 by S.MARYLIN HOLKER of SOVEREIGN HALL FARM, MOSSLEY, on land adjoining the farmhouse. Miss Holker and her sisters administered the site until 1979 when she sold it to ALBERT MILLER of TILTS FARM, TOLLBAR, NR. DONCASTER, whose wife SYLVIA is the current licensee.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The anonymous letter suggested that MISS HOLKER had been pressured into selling, and that there had been "great sadness" among the site residents when they learned of the sale. It goes on to allege that the MILLERS have harassed site occupiers, threatening to "tow them off" if they didn't pay their proposed rent increases. The MILLERS are accused of being less than scrupulous in making their tax returns.

EYE contacted site residents who had some interesting tales to tell, BUT they were not tales about the MILLERS, they were all about the days when S. MARYLIN HOLKER ran the site. We were shown a letter dated 22.6.78, from the DIVISIONAL HEALTH INSPECTOR, I.WILSON, containing a long list of essential repairs on the male and female toilets. There was dangerous wiring, dirty showers, no changing facilities for residents using the showers, and a waste pipe from a male urinal was broken.

Back in 1976, residents were overcharged by MISS HOLKER for electricity, and had to take their grievance to NORWEB before getting their money back. We heard of many occasions when residents had been harassed over petty infringements of site rules. One gentleman showed us a post card from MISS HOLKER, postmarked WINDSOR, it ranted about a car parking out side his caravan. The card said,

". . . if you think you can do as you please, Brother you cannot."

We spoke to a couple who have now left SOVEREIGN HALL. They remembered constant harassment by MISS HOLKER which had caused their six-year old son to be in fear of coming home from school. The same couple allege that they were refused the standard 5 year agreement required by law, and given only 2 years' lease.

It is very much to the site owner's financial benefit if residents sell their vans and move away, since every agreement between owner and occupier gives 15% of the selling price to the owner. So an unhappy site can be a highly profitable one!

However, this is not to say that everything on the site is now rosy. Whilst we found no evidence of harassment by the present owners, the MILLERS, neither could we find evidence of proper site maintenance. When we visited the site we saw what appeared to us to be dangerous electrical wiring trailing over residents' gardens. We saw concrete hard standing pitches crumbling away. There was evidence that residents had paid to have paths and pitches repaired out of their own pocket. All these are the legal responsibility of the site owners, ALBERT and SYLVIA MILLER.

More seriously, some residents have not yet received their agreements, signed by MILLER, to which the law entitles them. So reluctant is MILLER to sign these documents that he has lost money as a result. The residents agreed to a rent increase, but said they will only pay when they have their agreements.

Finally, the letter that sparked off this enquiry still intrigued us. We couldn't find anyone on SOVEREIGN HALL caravan site who knew of a resident past or present with a relative in BUXTON. Then, quite by chance, as we sifted through documents made available to us, we found other letters with an uncanny similarity to ours. They had been typed on the same typewriter. On one, the same cover (BUXTON) had been used. The style of the writer was identical. Then we found one that was similar in every way, EXCEPT IT WAS NOT ANONYMOUS. The signature was that of S.MARYLIN HOLKER.

THE DEPT. OF THE ENVIRONMENT HAS PRODUCED A SET OF "MODEL STANDARDS" FOR CARAVAN SITES. ANY MOBILE HOME OWNERS INTERESTED CAN GET A COPY FROM A LIBRARY, OR FROM H.M.S.O., BRAZENOSE ST., MANCHESTER M60 8AS.

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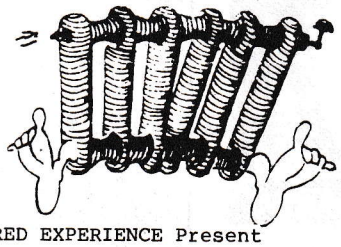

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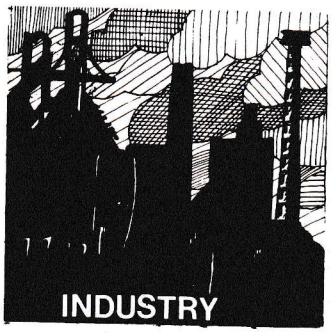
Full programme and tickets from Grass Roots, Newton St.; Lloyd St., or P.A.T., 3 Birch Polygon, Manchester. 14.
Enquiries 061 224 0020



N.H.S.

7·5% = 1p.

So much "shock/horror" has appeared in the papers and on radio and TV about the health workers pay dispute that the real issue of low pay has disappeared from view. For the record, here is some of the background behind the fight for better pay in a "firm" that has one million employees...

In August, INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL members got a 16½% rise in fees, which gave them an extra £7 *per day*. This is double the increase a nurse would get *per week* if the government's 7.5% deal were accepted.

The government's offer would give a Staff Nurse at TAMESIDE GENERAL £6.40 extra in a weekly pay packet, £2.89 after deducting tax and so on. A residential Staff Nurse would get the same gross pay, but a 1p piece is all that would be added to take-home pay. This is because NHS board and lodging charges will rise between 18 and 33% this year.

A First Year Student Nurse would be paid an extra £4.73, £2.14 after deductions.

The government's own statistics show that health workers earned consistently less than other workers - but the gross wages figures hide another severe problem. There is abnormally high overtime and shift-working in the NHS, which the workforce has come to rely on to boost wages.

Some comparisons with the other major spender - so-called DEFENCE - is quite enlightening. This year's Defence Budget (before the Falklands) is £14,091 million; NHS £11,663. A Type 42 Destroyer costs about £180 million; a new kidney machine £5,500. A General's pay for a year (£34,000) is worth 6 nurses (£30,000).

Last year Britain spent 5.8% of the Gross National Product on health; but West Germany managed 8.7%; Australia 7.9%; France 7.7%; and the USA 9.1%.

CLAIMANTS

When HYDE man, STEVE RAWLINSON, launched C.U.T. - the CLAIMANTS UNION of TAMESIDE - he got some very carefully worded letters of "official" support from the JOB CENTRE and so on.

Management at SOCIAL SECURITY are evidently nervous at the prospect of the Borough's hundreds of claimants getting organised. For SOCIAL SECURITY and UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT staff are already swamped and too understaffed to cope with the results of massive job losses. Any more claims and management may be forced to take on extra staff, a trend THATCHER was elected to reverse. If you want to join C.U.T., which is open to any claimants, they are at: 6 Milk Street, HYDE, telephone 366 5300.

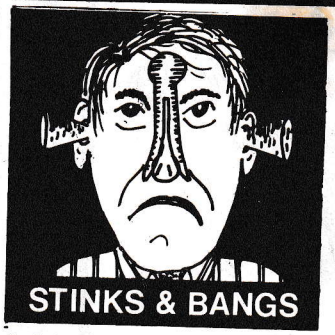
MARCH '83

Another "bigger and better" PEOPLE'S MARCH FOR JOBS is being planned for 1983. Locally, the initiative is being co-ordinated by the NORTH WEST COMMITTEE of the PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN FOR JOBS, from the ASHTON offices of NUPE.

Significant differences from last time's March are being suggested: this time marchers would be delegated from their area and "TOWN COMMITTEES" are proposed to raise funds and organise local publicity. The aim is to make unemployment *the* issue of the next General Election. TRADES COUNCILS are also expected to be the driving force behind the next march.

It's doubtful that TAMESIDE TRADES COUNCIL will be able to muster much support. Low attendances at meetings, coupled with a declining membership, mean a big effort is unlikely. Redundancies are reducing the number of union branch delegates all the time.

* *More information: NWTUC, Civic House, 131 Katherine Street, ASHTON. Telephone: 308 4551.*



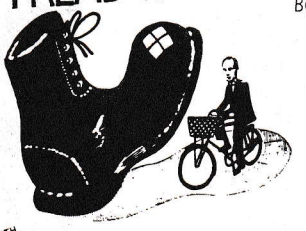
Stinkers old and new this month, starting with perennial purveyors of pungency Senior Service of Hyde, whose new filters appear to have done nothing to soothe local noses.

Over in Stalybridge, A.O.C.M. Chemical Manufs., of Tame St., are the latest firm to pollute this unfortunate area. The Mullaneys of Mossley, whose scrapyard has already ruined a beautiful hillside overlooking Hartshead Pike are now concentrating their efforts on covering Mossley with smoke, despite a legal notice for a previous offence.

We're impressed to see Presto, Ashton's all-new Megastore already making its mark on the pollution scene, complaints have been made about smells and noise.

The well-heeled residents of Mottram Old Rd. have been complaining about the noise from a mobile shop, surely the noise of money changing hands wouldn't disturb anyone in that neck of the woods ?

BENEFIT FOR TUC FIGHTING FUND AGAINST TEBBIT'S BILL
ASTMS CENTRAL MCR. BRANCH PRESENT
THE
'TREAD ON TEBBIT'
ON WEDS 29 SEPT 8 TILL 2
BOP



WITH R'n'B STARS
'YESSIR'
BAND ON THE WALL
PLUS
'JUMP'n'GRUNT' DISCO
LATE BAR
SWAN ST. MANCHESTER 1
TICKETS:- £1.50 WAGED £1.20 UNWAGED
FROM:- Grass Roots Books, Piccadilly Records, Record Pedlar, NWArts.

Tameside College of Technology
Department of Adult Education

TRADE UNION STUDIES CENTRE

T.U.C. SPONSORED

COURSES FOR UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- Shop stewards
- Staff reps
- Safety reps

1982/83 SESSION
SEPT. - DEC. COURSES

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ALL THE ABOVE COURSES WILL OPERATE 1 DAY PER WEEK FOR 10 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS

COURSE LOCATION
TAMESIDE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
WARRINGTON HOUSE
CHURCH STREET
ASHTON UNDER LYNE
Tel No 061 330 2878

FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON ANY OF THE COURSES CONTACT
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CHURCH STREET
ASHTON UNDER LYNE
Tel No 061 330 2878

Your rights to paid release

Shop stewards and safety representatives have the right, under Employment Protection and Health and Safety Law, to paid release from work to attend union or TUC courses in trade union studies. If your employer refuses paid release, get your senior workplace representative or union officer to take the matter up with your employer.

ROY O

Our Leader, ROY OLDHAM, has upset fellow STALYBRIDGE Labour Councillors with his handling of the issue of the temporary site for travellers.
For ROY turned up at PLANNING COMMITTEE and spoke strongly in favour of the Bayley Street site in STALYBRIDGE.
Now as leader of the council, he's entitled to attend every committee meeting. But furious STALYBRIDGE councillors had not seen him previously at a Planning Session. They're wondering why ROY should choose *that* particular moment to turn up.
KEN RAE, he of the bewhiskered face, asked ROY whether he'd have the site in his ward?

ROY calmly said 'Yes'.

The site ended up in STALYBRIDGE, not LONGDENDALE

NO JOKE

DONALD THORPE. Tory councillor for STALYBRIDGE SOUTH is getting beyond a joke.
No-one minds him making a fool of himself, he's done it so often we don't bother reporting it any more, but when he uses his position to deliver racist speeches, and to suggest that other councillors might be illiterate, we believe that he brings no credit to TAMESIDE's Council Chamber.

This unpleasant little man, during a discussion on a proposed site for travellers caravans at Bayley St., STALYBRIDGE displayed his well-known love of democracy, fair play and equal opportunity by saying STALYBRIDGE should be a 'gypsy-free-zone'

If it was, THORPE would have to leave. He did so much travelling from Ward to Ward before he found one daft enough to take him, that he qualifies as a 'gypsy' himself!

TRASHY RAGS

Down at COUNTY HALL, GREATER MANCHESTER's Labour Councillors are getting understandably hot under the collar over so-called "EMERGENCY PLANNING". And no-one is hotter beneath his collar than MOTTRAM's GEORGE MORGAN.
For it appears that they are being told by the government to make plans for dealing with the after-effects of a nuclear attack - which is against Labour Policy, on the grounds that it's impractical. *At the same time*, the Official Secrets Act prevents them from telling us mere plebs how they plan to help us after such an attack!
Our GEORGE's frustration with all this boiled over into a full-scale shouting match with BERNARD CLARKE, the GMC Labour Leader, at a recent secret Group meeting. It seems that BERNARD's handling of a debate on what to do with a pile of useless pamphlets on emergencies (put out by the Tories when they were in office) left a lot to be desired.

GEORGE wasn't to be satisfied with anything less than the trashy rags being put through the shredder on the spot. He finally stomped out of the meeting.
This was not the first time he'd walked out, so there's speculation that he may not be standing for re-election in the future.
EYE understands that the MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT group are to help GMC write a more "realistic" emergencies handbook.

OPEN

Once a year ratepayers are allowed in to inspect TAMESIDE COUNCIL's books, after their annual audit. This year the books will be 'opened' from 7th to 15th September. More details from MR.SMITH on (061) 344 3817.

WARNEING

Spare a thought for poor trainee MAYOR PHIL WARNE. Every time he tries to make debating councillors stick to the point, or stop them repeating themselves, someone jumps down his throat. At last month's council meeting he was ticked off by a highly unlikely alliance of ex-Tory leader. COLIN "NUTS" GRANTHAM and ex Libraries and Arts Chairman SYLVIA "SNIFFIN" SWIFFIN both of whom were effectively told to 'belt up' by MAYOR WARNE.

VOLUNTEERING

If you have a little or a lot of free time and you want to do something for yourself and the community you can.
If you are unemployed or sick you probably feel bored and frustrated with all your enforced leisure.
There are many different kinds of voluntary work and perhaps the ideal voluntary work is waiting for you, the ideal volunteer. But volunteering should not be a substitute for properly - paid work.
You would be expected to give your time freely. Normally you can get payment for out of pocket expenses but you should check first that your 'employer' pays them.
For those in receipt of benefit, the Govt. has recently relaxed the rules regarding voluntary work. Now, if you're claiming Unemployment or Supplementary Benefit, voluntary work won't affect your payments unless it stops you being available for a paid job.

If you are unemployed and have found yourself a voluntary job you will have to tell the Benefit office when you're about to start. You'll have to make a statement to say that you will be able to start a paid job, or go for an interview given a days notice and that you will only receive out of pocket expenses. You may also have to give an address and telephone number where you can be contacted during the day.

If you get Supplementary Benefit unpaid voluntary work will only affect your payments if you work more than 30 hours a week.

If you are on the sick, or get an Invalidity Benefit, and want to volunteer, it is best to get a note from your doctor to say that doing voluntary work would be an aid to recovery.
It's as well to go to the Social Security for advice before committing yourself.

If you receive any of the above benefits and work for anyone other than a charity or local authority you will not be allowed to do your main job.

If you want to volunteer and require further info. or help in finding a placement contact the TAMESIDE VOLUNTEER BUREAU 300 Stamford St. Ashton Tel. 330 2345.

HAPPY VOLUNTEERING.

★ TAMESIDE EYE'S GREAT ★ FUN and GAMES

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND TAMESIDE

Events

GLOSSOP NATURAL HEALING CENTRE, 8 Henry St. Gloss. Derbyshire (Over Glossop Wholefoods).

The Glossop Natural Healing Centre has been set up to provide information on 'alternative' medicine, natural therapies and holistic health care. The Centre will be run by volunteers whose skills include counselling, healing, treatment by Bach Flower Remedies, radionics, reflexology, knowledge of nutrition, vitamins and minerals, and teaching of relaxation and meditation.
Members of the Centre cannot prescribe and cannot diagnose but they can act as a referral agency and put you in touch with someone who can.
The Centre is associated with the Natural Health Network, Health for the New Age, Assoc. for New Approaches to cancer.
Talks and seminars are planned for early 1983 but in the meantime you may be interested in the ten week lecture series on 'Alternatives' run by Glossop School, Talbot Rd., Glossop, commencing Sept. 22nd.
The Glossop Natural Healing Centre opens on Thurs Sept. 2nd 1982 and will be open on Thurs and Sat. mornings from 10am - 12 noon. Additional opening times are planned for the future. If you think the Centre can help you, or if you wish to know more about the services on offer, please drop in.

ALTERNATIVES
This is a lecture series of ten, with a different guest speaker each week talking about aspects of alternative medicine.
Glossop School,
Talbot Road,
Glossop.
Wed. 22nd Sept.
7.30.pm.
MAN'S LIFE AND PURPOSE
by Miss Muriel Pontefract
Theosophical Society.
Wed. 29th Sept.
7.30.pm.
FACE TO FACE
Anew look at interpersonal relationships.
by Joan 'Maya' Pilkington
Intouch Centre.

Entrance Fee £1.00. per session.

WOMENS HEALTH COURSE
Following the very successful Women and Health Day held at the Methodist Church, Crook St., Hyde on 10th July, a WOMENS HEALTH COURSE has been arranged as follows:
Monday 4th October
Tameside College, Union St. Hyde.

The Course is organised by Tameside and Glossop Well Women Campaign and will run for 10 weeks and will cover such topics as Menopause, Cystitis, You and your body, Nutrition, Stress and Strain, Depression, Body Image.
For Further details please contact Jean on 061 338 4824.

HUDDERSFIELD CANAL SOCIETY

THE FOX TAVERN
Ridgehill Lane,
Stalybridge.
8th Sept. 8 pm
The Huddersfield Canal Society present.
"THE HISTORY OF OUR LOCAL CANALS" By John Cassidy.
FREE: New members welcome.

HAUGHTON GREEN YOUNG PEOPLE'S CENTRE.
Lancaster Rd. Haughton Green. 061 320 5658
Sun Oct.3rd. 12.30pm
"GIGANTIC JUMBLE SALE" plus action and side stalls.
A donation of 20p is asked for admission.
If anyone has jumble to donate before this date please contact Robert Lee on the above tel.no
Collection can be arranged.

WEST END COMMUNITY CENTRE
339 2728
Sat Oct 2nd 2 pm
"AUTUMN FAYRE"
in Aid of Community Centre Funds.
Adm: 10p. All welcome.

Astley Cheetham Art Gallery, Stalybridge.

Tameside Libraries and Arts are presenting a series of local history lectures.
Thurs 9th Sept.
'Church, Chapel and People'
Religion in 19thCentury Tameside. By Mr. E.A. Rose. Local Historian
Thurs 23rd Sept.
'Pop goes the Weasel'
A history of pawn broking in the North West by Melanie Tebbutt, author of a forthcoming book on pawn broking.

WALKS

Continuing in their season of summer activities the TAME VALLEY WARDEN SERVICE present the following:-

Sunday Sept.5th 11am.
Saddleworth Horse Ride.
A 10 mile ride in the Upper Tame Valley. Your mounts must be over 4 yrs. old and sound and you must be capable of riding in company on the public highway. Hard hat and safe tack essential.
Meet at Freizland Car Park, Manchester Rd.Greenfield.

Sunday Sept.12th
10.30 am.

Stalybridge. A walk round the bird reserve and Matley with the R.S.P.B. Warden. Meet at Eastwood, Cheethams Park, Mottram Rd. Stalybridge.

Sunday Sept.19th 10.30am.
Hyde Adventure Day.
An exciting day for all the family, try orienteering and canoeing.
Meet at Broomstairs Farm car park, Hyde Rd., Denton (next to Lowes Arms)

Sun Sept.26th
10.00am
Saddleworth Three Peaks.

An all day ramble in the hills- strenuous but worth it!
Meet at Brownhill Visitors Centre, High St. Uppermill.

The MEDLOCK VALLEY WARDEN SERVICE present, as their final activity of the summer season, A ramble for blind and partially sighted people.
A short afternoon walk from Bardsley Vale to Fairbottom, about 2 miles, on Sun 26th Sept. at 2.30p.m.

FOR TRAVEL INFO:
BUS: 273-3322
TRAIN: 832-8353

STAND & DELIVER!

Sept 17th

DAVID CRAIG formerly co-editor of 'Fireweed' the socialist poetry mag. David lives and writes in the Lancaster area, and is probably the finest ballad writer around. An excellent performer, not to be missed!

Oct 1st

IAN DAGGER a'STAND AND DELIVER' return visit for Ian, who presents extracts from his recent publication, 'Vicious Rumours and Idle Chat'.

COMING UP!!

Take another look at Bradford's poetic night life with LITTLE BROTHER, SEETHING WELLS, and WILD WILLY BECKETT

DESMOND and DOROTHY FAIRYBREATH poetry cartoon film,slides and other treats.

ADRIAN MITCHELL an outstanding performer of his own poetry. His latest collection of poems,'For Beauty Douglas' was published earlier this year.

WENDY COPE one of seven new poets in 'Poetry Introductions' Wendy is emerging as a humourous and original talent.

XMAS SPECIAL with REG RABBIT AND THE FAST BREEDERS an unforgettable experience.

ALL AT THE DOG & PARTRIDGE BROOK ST., ASHTON-U-LYNE.

Promoted by Tameside Libraries & Arts with assistance from North West Arts and the National Poetry Secretariat.

MANCHESTER FESTIVAL
The Manchester Festival takes place from 4-19th Sept. '82 listings for the mainstream drama events are as follows

Royal Nthn.College of Music Opera Theatre 061 485 1537
Mon 6th - Sat 11th Sept. 7.30pm
The Manchester Youth Theatre present
"A MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM"
By William Shakespeare
Tickets £2. £1 for OAPS/ Students/Unemployed.

Library Theatre. St. Peters Sq. Manchester 061 236 7110
Tues 7th Sept. 7.30pm
"BOB BERKY INTERNATIONAL MIMF"
"One of the greatest mimers in the world today" - DAILY TELEGRAPH. Tickets £2.50

LIBRARY THEATRE
St. Peters Square,
Manchester.
061 236 7110.
Thurs 9th Sept to Sat 11th Sept. 7.30pm.
Monstrous Regiment in "SHAKESPEARES SISTER"
Based on the original production by Theatre De L'Aquarium, translated by Gillian Hanna.
Tickets £2.50.

In addition to these excellent productions the FEstival Club (Fringe) is presenting the following events at:-
THE GALLERY
Peter Street,
Manchester.
Mon 6th Sept.

ALTERNATIVE CABARET.
Tues. 7th Sept.

PROPER LITTLE MADAMS with Maggie Fox and Helen Lederer (Comediennes)

Fri. 17th Sept.
JAM TODAY with Tour de Force.

All GALLERY performances start at approximatly 10.pm. but the doors open at 9.pm. Tickets are avaialable in advance and also on the door. For further information please contact: Jeremy Shine,
3 Birch Polygon,
Rusholme,
Manchester. 14.
061 224 0020.

ROYAL EXCHANGE THEATRE
St. Annes Sq. Manchester
061 833 9333
16th Sept.-9th Oct.

"ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOOS NEST" By Dale Wasserman.

Starring Jonathan Hackett and Linda Marlowe and, making her stage debut, Hazel O'Connor. Phone Box Office for details re ticket prices

LESSER FREE TRADE HALL
Peter St., Manchester 3.
Thurs. 30th Sept - Sat 2nd Oct.
7.30pm Thurs - Sat.

Shared Experience present.
"THE INSOMNIAC IN MORGUE DRAWER 9"
Starring Bob Goody.

Adv.tickets £1.50
Jeremy Shine,
3 Birch Polygon, Rusholme.
Tel. 061 224 0020.

THE THOMPSONS ARMS
Sackville St.M/cr.1.
Thurs Oct. 7th 8.00pm
AND
BIRCH COMMUNITY CENTRE
Brighton Grove, M/cr.14
8.00 p.m.

Spare Tyre Theatre Co, present
"ON THE SHELF"

For further details contact Jeremy Shine,
3 Birch Polygon, Rusholme.
061 224 0020

BAYLEY HALL, Hyde Park.
4th -26th Sept.
The Fourth Annual Exhib. of Hyde Artists.
ADM: FREE

ASTLEY CHEETHAM ART GALL.
STALYBRIDGE.
3rd Aug - 2nd Oct.

"THE NINE TOWNS"

An Exhibition of photographs objects and paintings describing life and times in the towns of Tameside during cotton industry days of the 19th Century.

On Sunday 3rd October the HUDDERSFIELD CANAL SOCIETY are holding a sponsored walk along the tow path of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal in Colne Valley; in order to raise funds for the Huddersfield Canal Soc.'s restoration campaign.
The 20 Kilometre circular walk will begin in the centre of Slaithwaite and will follow the canal tow-path to Tunnel End at Marsden. There are picnic sites along the canal side and walkers will have the opportunity of seeing the entrance to the longest canal tunnel in Great Britain. It is hoped that many organisations will participate in the event and sponsorship arrangements have been designed to help bona fide organisations retain 30% of their sponsorship collected.
Further information and sponsorship forms are available from:
Paul Burton,

219 Hightown Rd.,
Hightown,
Liversedge, W.Yorks.
Tel.Cleckheaton 875619
OR
David L. Finnis,
7 Ned Lane,
Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, W.Yorks.

TOE PATH '82
Sunday 3rd October '82

IMPACT- The Greater Manchester clean-up Campaign.

Pub regulars are being encouraged to improve the environment as part of a novel competition currently being launched by WILSONS BREWERY in conjunction with IMPACT, the Greater Manchester Clean-up Campaign.

WILSON's are offering a coach trip to Blackpool and tours of the Brewery for the best eyesore improvements carried out by their pubs and clubs.

The competition brochure titled 'How you can turn an eyesore into a Blackpool pleasure beach' is now available at most bars selling Wilson's beer.

Before and after photographs will be used to judge the competition, which is running throughout August and Sept.

The Greater Manchester Play Resources Unit are moving!
Previously of Niven St. Ardwich Green, M/cr.
Their new address will be:
The Methodist Church,
Marlborough Rd.,
Cheetham Hill,
Salford 7.

If you 'phone 061 273 2868 your calls will be re-directed to the new premises.
The Play Resource Unit will be at this address from 1st Sept. '82 to 31st March '83.
They will then be returning to their former premises at Ardwick Green.

DENTON YOUTH CLUB
061 366 4881
Youth Club re-opens on Wed 1st Sept.
Senior Clun Mon,Wed, Thur, Fri. 13yrs upwards.
Junior Clun. Tues: 7 - 13 years.
Multimillion club (for unemployed) Open daily from 10.30 a.m.
Every Thurs. commencing Sept. 2nd Mums and Co., a mother and toddler group. 10.30am - 1pm.
ALL WELCOME

Next month we hope to provide a comprehensive listing of Youth Clubs to be found throughout Tameside. Unfortunately these weren't available this month since some of the Clubs were closed for holidays, but keep watching - there may be a club near you which might be worth a visit - specially when the winter nights start to draw in.

You are invited to join a Music Making Workshop led by Peter Weigold and three fellow musicians who perform under the name of GEMINI.
The object of the course is to give experience of simple techniques of music-making to people who wish to use these to develop community music activities in the areas they live or work.
No previous musical experience is necessary.
Participants should bring along whatever instruments they can regardless of how well they play them.

Workshops to be held at:
Edgar Wood Centre, Daisy Bank Rd. Manchester 14.
On the evenings of Sept. 27th, 30th, Oct. 1st,2nd. from 6.30pm to 10.00pm.

Course fee for 5 sessions £10 waged, £5 unwaged.
Application forms available from Liz Mayhe, Community Arts Officer, North West Arts, 12 Harter St. Manchester M1 6HY.

Band on the Wall

BAND ON THE WALL
Swan St. Manchester
061 832 6625
Mon-Thurs 8.30pm - 1pm
Fri-Sat 8.30pm-2am.
LIVE MUSIC every night except Sundays.
Food available.
Adm prices vary depending on the day of the week and what's on.
Reduced Adm. prices before 8.30pm.

THE BRUNSWICK
Park Rd.,Dukinfeild.
061 330 1703
Every Sat. Evening 8.30pm.
National Artists, local artists, floor singers welcome.
Adm. FREE
Donations Welcome.

THE STATION, Warrington St. Ashton
Every Mon. evening 8pm
Folk night. Resident Group'The Black Edds' on alternate Mondays.
Singers welcome
Donations.

THE BUTCHERS ARMS Mossley
Every Tues ev. 8pm.
Folk night with well known local and national singers.
Cost varies. Check with organisers for further details.

THE CLARENCE Stamford St. Ashton.
Every Tues. evening
Folk night with guest singers.

THE CROSS KEYS
Uppermill.
Every Weds. evening 8.30pm.
Singers club
Donations Welcome.

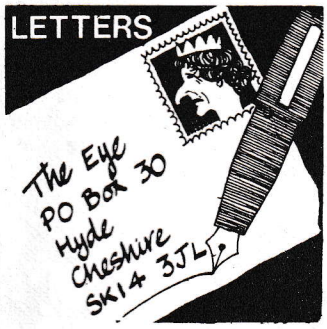
ROSE AND CROWN
Stalybridge
Every Fri and Sun 9pm
Folk night
Special guest on Fri
Singers night on Sun
Donations welcome.

THE GLOBE HOTEL
High St. West, Glossop.
Every Thurs. evening 8.30pm.
Local and National Artists.
Prices vary depending on what's on - see advert for details.

FOLK AT THE GLOBE
The Globe Hotel, High St., Glossop.
Thursdays at 8·30pm.
FUTURE GUESTS:

SEPTEMBER

2nd
OPENING NIGHT with surprise guest
£1/£1.25
9th
TUNDRA traditional night
£1.50/ £2.00
16th
PLAYERS PLEASE close harmony duo.
£1/£.25.
23rd
JOLLY JACK local traditional group
£1/£1.25
30th
SINGERS NIGHT all welcome
60p!



Asbestos The Killer Dust

DEAR EYE,

Most of us are aware that, as of late, a lot of publicity has been given to the material asbestos. The controversial programme screened by Yorkshire TV., 'Alice, a fight for life' which slammed the materials used in industry, has done much to enlighten public awareness to the health risks associated with asbestos containing materials. As safety representative where I work I was shocked to discover that many of my members are working with asbestos based products.

Why so much controversy should surround asbestos, is in itself cause for much discussion, when one considers that there is not one single use for which asbestos is really necessary. Many people will die for something as insignificant as an oven glove, a vinyl floor tile or the pad on an ironing board. The public must ask itself why, in spite of the hazards, do we continue to use asbestos ?

The answer to this question must obviously lie in the fact that asbestos is profitable. Britain's largest asbestos company the Rochdale based, Turner and Newall last year turned over a profit of £8.5 million. Just how much things have changed can be seen by the fact that in June of this year and prior to Yorkshire TV's documentary Turners informed shareholders *"that much of the steam had gone out of the anti-asbestos lobby and that there was not that much concern in the U.K."*

Does this sound like a company that proclaims to be working its butt off to find the alternatives to asbestos? Why Turners should find so much difficulty in finding substitutes is strange to say the least, when you consider that in 1980 alone, over 1,000 patents were filed relating to asbestos substitutes. Perhaps the answer to this problem may lie in the fact that Turners themselves have significantly reduced their staff working on research into substitutes.

It is often argued that of the different types of asbestos only the blue type (crocidolite) is dangerous. It is an opinion I have all too frequently heard and is a dangerous myth, however popular a notion it may be. In Britain alone, a tremendous amount of research is taking place which suggests that one fibre (be it blue white or brown) can kill. During the '70's a voluntary ban was put on blue asbestos in this country. However, it is interesting to note that blue asbestos at the time amounted to only 5% of the industry's business. This has led many to conclude that blue asbestos although extremely hazardous has been used as a convenient scapegoat which left the industry's other varieties virtually unaffected.

The most damning evidence to date against white asbestos (chrysotile) is that of Prof. Irving Selikoff, of Mount Sinai Medical School New York who for the last forty years has been studying 632 New York asbestos insulation workers, who in the main, have been working with white asbestos.

Of the 632 all but 100 have now died. He maintains that of a comparable number of people chosen at random and matched for age, sex etc, statistically, one would expect that 64 would have died of cancer. Of the group he studied cancer killed 238 of the men. Furthermore, one would expect of the group chosen at random 16 would die of lung cancer.

Of the 632 insultation workers, 105 died of lung cancer and 50 died of mesothelioma. The chance that anyone else would die of this disease are one or two in 10,000.

You may ask what is the Government doing about it? The answer to that is quite simply, little or nothing. The fact that at least 200 former employees of Acre Mill, Hebden Bridge a factory once owned by Cape Asbestos, have contracted asbestosis and mesothelioma, despite the fact that successive British Governments have been aware of the lethal qualities of asbestos since as early as 1906 suggests criminal complacency at the very least. Moreover, production of asbestos world wide, doubled between 1930 and 1976, according to the World Health Organisation.

Following the aftermath of Acre Mill the Govt. set up the Advisory Committee on Asbestos (ACA), chaired by Mr. Bill Simpson who was chairman of the Health and Safety Commission. The committee met for three years and was hailed as the inquiry to end all inquiries. To date, not one of its 41 recommendations have become law. The Govt. has now decided to introduce new regulations into the use of asbestos. However it is felt by many that the four recommendations are likely to have little effect on the asbestos industry. There is for example, still no compulsory labelling of asbestos products.

What could be done to protect people from the dangers of asbestos? There is no doubt that nothing short of total ban on asbestos will effectively protect people from the hazards of it. Sweden has already banned it. There is, however, not much evidence to suggest that this possibility will ever be taken seriously. The TUC itself recommended to the ACA that asbestos should be phased out. The emphasis has been to set maximum exposure levels. The standard set in 1969 was 2 fibres per cu. centimetre of air. This doesn't sound very much until you realise that working under such 'safe' conditions you would breathe in 16 million fibres over a working day. It has now been suggested that this level should be reduced by 50% But would it be possible to enforce these standards with the number of factory inspectors available? Not a chance. It is also estimated by medical authorities that even at the one fibre level at least 5 out of 100 workers will die of asbestosis or mesothelioma. Surely, common sense dictates that we follow the example of Sweden.

Yours sincerely,
Name and Address supplied.
TAMESIDE

ASDA's Gate

DEAR EYE,

I would suggest it might be advisable for our local councillors to take a course in legal matters before taking office. The path to ASDA is officially on the plans to the estate and quote "must be available to pedestrians at all times."

Notice of intent to close was never given, nor were tenants of Tiverton Place ever consulted. As for Mr. Marsden being concerned about people sleeping at night, his concern should be for the tenants next to the Atlas Mill. During the hot weather we were unable to

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have windows open for the constant grinding noise of the mill engines.

We accepted the inconvenience when we accepted the flats, as the tenants who suffer very occasionally from a Saturday night bawdy reveller ought to have done. I would also point out that the damage to the gate and fence was caused by learner drivers doing U-turns and this still goes on.

Our local councillors are also very complacent about the tenants responsible for the closing of the gate, defacing the new fence with fat and placing barbed wire along the top to deter youngsters (who still vault the fence) although said councillors are aware that nailing the wire on the fence was illegal they are surprisingly quiet about it.

If the councillors think that taking away the right of the elderly and disabled to do their own shopping instead of, as they so arrogantly suggested, "letting your home help do it" then they have attained senility before old age, and need a few lessons from the people concerned, as to what their needs really are.

Any case of vandalism is a matter for the police, not the local councillors they should be concerned with the rights of the majority in a democratic manner.
Yours sincerely,
for the majority of tenants of Tiverton Place.
M. WARD.

No Relation

DEAR EYE,

In a reply to a correspondent in EYE 36, you imply that your Chief Cashier, E.R. Barraclough "(no relation)" has left hurriedly for foreign parts, taking your advertising revenues with him. What precisely do you mean by "no relation"? Do you mean no relation to me? It seems an unfortunate and distressing coincidence that this person should have the same name as myself. Mrs. Barraclough was so upset by your disgraceful insinuations that she has taken to her bed and absolutely refuses to open the door. I can't even get in to change the cat litter and I am a trifle worried that the disagreeable odours thus created may permanently affect her health.

I only hope that your cashiers fraudulent activities will not reflect on my own hitherto un-sullied reputation. (I discount, of course, my regrettable encounter with the constabulary earlier this year in a gentleman's urinal, where I was engaged in research for my forthcoming book about Mozart. The fact that I was attired in a ra-ra skirt will be fully explained in the book, which postulated the theory that the famous composer did not die in 1791 but emigrated to Australia and founded a thriving business specialising in bondage and rubberwear.)

I fail to understand the repeated inferences in your paper that I am in fact someone else. I can only assume that someone on your staff is slightly deranged.
Yours faithfully,
E.R. BARRACLOUGH.

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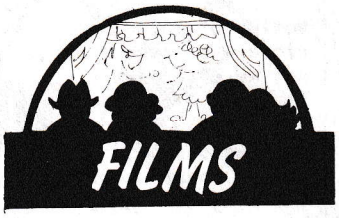

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